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## Three Praised By Kennedy Lost Their Lives In Autumn

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Washington, Jan. 14—The three North Korean soldiers. Johnson, whom President Kennedy cited in his State of the Union message as having "lost their lives for our country," lost their lives on foreign assignments in October and November of last year.

They were:

Maj. Rudolf Anderson, Jr., 35, a native of Spartanburg, S.C., whose plane went down on a reconnaissance mission over Cuba October 27.

Specialist Fourth Class James Allen Johnson, 18, of Paris, Ky., who was killed November 20 at an observation post attacked by Communist soldiers on the United Nations side of the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea.

Sgt. Gerald Wayne Pendell, 29, who grew up in Macon, Ga., was killed in a helicopter crash near Quang Ngai, South Vietnam, October 6.

At Height Of Cuban Crisis

Anderson's death came at the height of the Cuban crisis and was announced just a few hours before the Defense Department called up air reservists in support of American demands to get Soviet missiles off the island.

The pilot, decorated posthumously, was one of the first two reconnaissance flyers to obtain conclusive evidence of the Soviet missile buildup in Cuba.

Gen. Thomas S. Power, head of the Strategic Air Command, said at Anderson's funeral in Greenville, S.C., that the Air Force officer "gave his life while performing one of the most vital and hazardous duties connected with the Cuban crisis."

Anderson is survived by his wife, Jane Corbett Anderson; two small sons, and his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Anderson, of Greenville.

3 Were At Post

Johnson, the young soldier killed on the South Korean border, was one of three men at an observation post attacked by

The observation post is one of a number of positions along the southern side of the so-called demilitarized zone (about 2½ miles wide) separating North and South Korea at the Thirty-eighth Parallel.

Johnson was attached to a reconnaissance squadron of the 1st Infantry Division. The son of Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, Sr., of Paris, he entered the Army October 4, 1961.

Pendell, the Marine sergeant lost in the helicopter accident, was the younger brother of another Marine, Albert Pendell, who was killed in action on one of the corps's most hallowed battle-grounds, Iwo Jima. A third brother, Robert, is a Marine veteran.

Gerald Pendell enlisted in the corps in 1955 and had embarked on a promising Marine career. He had been recommended for warrant officer rank.

Was Flying Helicopter

On October 6 last year he was flying in a helicopter that crashed in Vietnamese mountains during cloudy weather. Pendell and five others were killed.

He had embarked on the flight to inspect procedures being conducted by his unit, part of the First Marine Aircraft Wing.

The sergeant is survived by his wife, Donna, four children, and his mother, Mrs. Grace K. Newell, of Macon, Ga. His father is dead. Of the three men, President Kennedy said today: "We are proud of Major Rudolf Anderson. . . We salute Specialist James Allen Johnson. . . We pay honor to Sergeant Gerald Pendell. . ."

"They are among the many," the President told Congress, "who in this century, far from home, have died for our country."

"Our task now, and the task of all Americans, is to live up to their commitment."

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